# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LAW AND JUSTICE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3288
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2010
FAST TRACK COURT
Gaddigoudar Shri P.C.;Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai;Patil Shri C. R. ;Patil Shri Sanjay Dina ;Premajibhai Dr. Solanki Kiritbhai;Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai;Shukla Shri Balkrishna Khanderao Balu Shukla

**Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that though the Fast Track Court Scheme was extended till the year 2010 but the amount of Central assistance has been reduced substantially;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that as a result of this, the State Government of Gujarat has to bear an extra burden of more than Rs. 856.80 lakhs per annum and total Rs. 4284.00 lakhs for the period of extension of the scheme i.e. up to 2010;

(d)if so, whether the Union Government is considering to reimburse the extra amount incurred by the Government of Gujarat; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a)&(b): The scheme of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) was started in the year 2000 for a period of five years on the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission. The central assistance to the States was provided at the rate of Rs.5.00 lakh per court for non recurring expenditure which included Rs.3.4 lakh for construction and Rs.1.6 lakh for computer and library. For recurring expenditure an amount of Rs.4.8 lakh per court per year was provided. The scheme was extended for a period of five years beyond 31.3.2005 i.e. upto 31.3.2010. For the extended period, the approved norm for assistance to the States for Fast Track Courts provided for an additional amount of Rs.8.6 lakhs to be provided to the States in the first two years towards the cost of construction for additional space in the court room and Rs.4.8 lakhs per court per year towards recurring expenditure. The amount of central assistance was not reduced during the extended period

(c)to(e): A grant of Rs. 35.71 crore has been released to the State Government of Gujarat during the extended period (2005-10). The Grant has been released as per the norm approved by the Government and therefore reimbursement of any excess expenditure incurred by the State Government has not been considered.